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[on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/47/830)]

47/213. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1994-1995

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, by which, inter alia, it requested the Secretary-General to submit in off-budget years an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium,

Recalling also its resolution 43/214 of 21 December 1988 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1990-1991 and use and operation of the contingency fund and its resolution 45/255 of 21 December 1990 on the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 1992-1993,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ and the relevant parts of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 2/ and of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 3/

1/ A/47/358.

2/ See A/47/16 (Part II).

3/ See A/47/7/Add.9.

1. Reaffirms that the proposed programme budget outline shall contain, in accordance with the provisions of annex I to resolution 41/213, an indication of (a) a preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium; (b) priorities reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature; (c) real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget; and (d) the size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources;

2. Reaffirms also that the outline should provide a greater level of predictability of resources required for the following biennium, promote a greater involvement of Member States in the budgetary process and thereby facilitate the broadest possible agreement on the programme budget;

3. Notes that the proposed programme budget outline for the the biennium 1994-1995 takes into account the budgetary aspects of the restructuring of the Secretariat;

4. Approves the methodological changes reflected in the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and recognizes that further improvements in the preparation and presentation of the outline may be required;

5. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 6 to 11 below;

6. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 on the basis of the total preliminary estimate provided by the Advisory Committee of 2,386,400,000 United States dollars at the initial 1992-1993 rates, to be adjusted at revised 1992-1993 rates;

7. Reaffirms the need for a comprehensive and satisfactory solution to the problem of controlling the effects of inflation and currency fluctuation on the budget of the United Nations;

8. Decides that the contingency fund of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 shall be established at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate of resources for the biennium 1994-1995, to be recosted at 1994-1995 rates;

9. Recalls, in this regard, that a review of the level and use and operation of the contingency fund, as well as the procedures for the provision of statements of programme budget implications, shall be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

10. Takes note of the proposals contained in paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ paragraph 223 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination 2/ and the views expressed by Member States on priorities, and requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, to give particular attention to them and to the priorities contained in the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolutions 45/253 and 45/255 of 21 December 1990;

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11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 in accordance with the present resolution and all resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly pertinent to the new budgetary process.

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